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### Red Cross Comes Through

There is a long story connected with the securing of a Santa Claus suit for the various churches and organizations within Torrance. Jim Brodie, local American Legion Commander and Mrs. Ludwig C. Miller of the Torrance Area Red Cross are to be congratulated for their tireless efforts in bringing this about.

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### Pupils Of Torrance On Short-Day Sessions As Building Stands Idle

While many pupils of Torrance elementary school are on so-called "half day sessions," a federally sponsored-building on the school grounds containing two classrooms is not in use. This fact was brought to light in view of the statement of Assemblyman Julian Beck, of Los Angeles, that "11,000 Los Angeles school children are on half time schedule because of the shortage of school buildings."

Beck is trying to get state funds to help local districts provide buildings, but in the Torrance case, it is pointed out, a building is provided to handle the Torrance elementary short-session students—but it is not being utilized. Likewise, according to Principal B. J. Strand, there are sufficient teachers there to handle the additional classes.

There is talk that the extended day care center may be moved to the building constructed with federal funds. That was its original purpose, it is said. However, if the center is moved, it will from bungalows on the school grounds which can be utilized as class rooms.

The new building which stands vacant was completed early in the school year. Beck made his assertion here following receipt of a telegram from Gov. Earl Warren, assuring him that the item of authorizing the state to contribute funds to local school building programs will be given a key position on the calendar of the legislature's special session, which begins Jan. 7.

### Veterans Center Offers Aid To Servicemen

The Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, 2300 W. Carson st., in offering a complete aid to ex-service men and women, also the dependents, serves Gardena, Harbor City, Keston, Lomita, Torrance and Welteria. The services available to these men and women are counseling and guidance which includes vocational placements, legal aid and rehabilitation for the disabled.

Assistance is given in government claims and appeals, insurance, application for training benefits, hospitalization and medical care, and reemployment. Information on civil service opportunities and countless other questions asked by those returning from the military can be obtained by calling at the local Veterans Service Center.

### Foursquare Christmas Rites Are Announced

The Christmas Services of the Foursquare Gospel church, located at 1207 El Prado, will include the Sunday School Christmas Tree Program Friday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. with a lovely program and Christmas treats for everyone. The Crusader Youth of the Church are presenting a beautiful modern play which will include some 20 characters Sunday, at 7:30 p.m. This play, "The Christmas Truant" includes Christmas carols and new Christmas songs. Christmas caroling by the Crusaders Christmas eve. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this friendly church.

### Body Of Woman Found In Motel Is Identified

Identity of a 27-year-old woman who was asphyxiated Sunday night in a South Main st. Motel with three San Diego stationed sailors, was established today as Mrs. Pearl Mae Chesley Sharp, 622 N. Castlegate ave., Compton. The victim's sister, Mrs. Edith Grant, made the identification at the Nece mortuary. Sheriff's deputies, investigating the tragedy, reported that the four persons died as a result of gas heater fumes in the motel at 17331 S. Main st.

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### Rep. King Suggested For Senate

Rep. Cecil R. King was seen as a "drafted" candidate for California's United States Senator, following a general assembly meeting of 478 delegates of the United AFL's Political Action Arm of Los Angeles county.

The delegates, representing more than 500,000 unionists, unanimously selected Congressman King, of the 17th district which includes Torrance and Lomita to run for the senatorship now held by appointee William R. Knowland.

AFL officials said that King was the only man for the position and that America needs more men like him in public office. King was reported to have recently returned from a confidential mission in the near east for President Harry Truman, and will be contacted immediately on the AFL proposed campaign. The labor leaders declared that henceforth they will seek to install a "good man" in office whenever other political groups nominate extreme "left or right" candidates.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Hereafter, the marriage license office in Los Angeles will be open from 8 a.m., until 5 p.m., daily except Saturday, when it will close at noon.

Food will not cost as much in 1946 Geoffrey Baker, associate deputy administrator of prices, OPA, predicts.

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